



News Release

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Tree and Fuels Projects Continue Across Laramie Ranger District

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) June 23, 2011 – This summer and fall, multiple forest management projects will take place across the Laramie Ranger District (LRD) of the Medicine Bow National Forest. Projects include fuels reduction, hazard tree removal from roadsides and campgrounds, tree spraying in campgrounds and thinning.

The bulk of the work will be in the southern portion of the Snowy Range, although crews will be working on projects throughout the LRD. Visitors should be aware that this is a very active program of work. Some detours, delays and temporary road closures will be necessary. Limited access and limited motorized recreational opportunities are likely for some visitors. Visitors may encounter logging machinery in contract areas and log trucks along Forest Roads. Do not enter areas which are posted closed, as they are closed for your safety.

Please be aware that contract operations may affect trails near the project areas. Work will generally be accomplished during weekdays; however, some work may occur on weekends and holidays. The work may cause temporary inconvenience for visitors, but is essential to maintain long-term access and public safety.

Page two of this news release includes a numbered list of projects and locations. Only the main road locations are identified, but other roads near projects may be affected. Project locations are displayed on a map for easy reference (Page 3). Please call the LRD at 307-745-2300 to inquire about current conditions and to check the status of work in the area you plan to visit.

This work is generally being done in response to impacts from the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Efforts will reduce hazards to private land owners, visitors and Forest Service employees.

In addition, visitors need to be aware that the mountain pine beetle epidemic has increased the risk of falling trees. Trees impacted by the beetles appear red or have no needles. Green trees left after fuels reduction or hazard tree removal treatments are also susceptible to windthrow due to removal of the trees around them. Remember to look up, look down and look around before setting up camps or parking vehicles under dead trees. Please be aware of your surroundings while visiting areas affected by the epidemic.

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List of Laramie Ranger District Projects

1. West Devils POL (Products Other than Logs) Timber Sale
NFSR 506, NFSR 512, NFSR 511, NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Operations to resume June 2011*
2. FHTR (Forest Hazard Tree Removal) Ted's Bridge 512 Road Stewardship Contract Task Order
NFSR 512, Highway 230 – *Work to begin summer 2011, Anticipated Road Closure*
3. FHTR Albany 500 Road Stewardship Contract Task Order
NFSR 500, Highway 11 – *Hauling and slash cleanup operations ongoing, short delays on NFSR 500 possible. No delays expected after 6/24/11.*
4. Strain Creek Stewardship Contract
NFSR 517, NFSR 513, NFSR 500, Fox Creek Road, Highway 11 – *Ongoing operations*
5. Lake Owen Decks #1 and #2
NFSR 540, NFSR 517, Fox Creek Road – *Log truck loading may impact roads, use caution in the area. Hauling anticipated beginning June/July 2011*
6. FHTR 517 Road Dry Fox Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 517, from Foxpark to NFSR 513 – *Ongoing Operations, with partial, segmented daily Road Closures summer 2011. Closures are from 7am to 5pm Monday through Friday.*
7. FHTR 512 Road Arctic Fox Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 512, from NFSR 504 to NFSR 509 at Lake Creek – *Finish cutting and hauling about 15 acres in June, Slash cleanup in 1st part of July. Daily Road Closures anticipated from 6/22/11 – 7/8/11.*
8. FHTR 512 Road Gray Fox Stewardship Task Order
NFSR 512, Foxpark to NFSR 504 – *Work anticipated to begin August 2011, possible daily road closures.*
9. Somber Hill WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Fuels Reduction Project
NFSR 512, NFSR 515, NFSR 530, NFSR 544, NFSR 544A, Highway 230 – *Current operations in the Miller Lake area, anticipated to move to the Foxborough or Foxpark, area in July, 2011. No impact to road travel anticipated.*
10. FY 2009 Pre-commercial Thinning Contract
NFSR 530, NFSR 516 – *Hand falling work to resume summer 2011, no impact to road travel*
11. WyColo WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Fuels Reduction Project
NFSR 501, NFSR 526, NFSR 898C, NFSR 898F, Highway 230 – *Operations to resume late August 2011*
12. WyDOT Highway 230 Hazard Tree Removal
Highway 230 – *Work anticipated to begin late summer or early fall 2011*
13. Sixmile Stewardship Contract
NFSR 516, NFSR 521, NFSR 898 – *Anticipate starting work and hauling summer 2011.*
14. Carbon Power & Light Hazard Tree Removal Settlement Sale
NFSR 500, Snowy Range Ski Area, Highway 130, Highway 230, NFSR 543, District Wide – *Operations on-going*
15. Bark Beetle Tree Spraying
District Wide, Mainly Campgrounds – *Anticipated July 2011 for approximately 1 week, some campgrounds will be closed for 24 hours during spraying*

Please note that the project numbers correspond with the numbers on the map.



Current and Anticipated Forest Management Contract Activity Reference Location Map

Laramie Ranger District,
Medicine Bow-Routt
National Forests

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